

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 144

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Murlice and Alma Carpenter on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Murlice and Alma Carpenter were joined in holy matrimony on February 19, 1965, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, they have been highly respected citizens of their community for a number of years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Murlice Carpenter retired from Holliston Mills Inc. and Surgoinsville Fire Department, which he served for thirty-three years; Alma Carpenter retired from Hawkins County Schools; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced five children, Mike Carpenter, Johnny Carpenter, Kathy (Darrell) Weatherly, JoAnn (Ken) Viars, and Shona (Keith) Barrett; and

WHEREAS, the Carpenters are also the proud grandparents of Stacy, Joe, Wesley, Allison, Beth, Rebecca and husband Jason, and Josh and wife Christina, and the great-grandparents of Braxton, Bryant, and Brodie; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Carpenters' truly represent the best and brightest of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Murlice and Alma Carpenter upon the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and we extend to them our warmest wishes for continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.